

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Forest Conservation Act – Proposal of diversion of 9.685 ha of forest land Akanapet RF and Gangapur RF of Medak Division for construction of New Broad Gauge Railway Line between Akannapet-Medak Stations in favour of Chief Engineer, S.C. Rly, Secunderabad – Final **(Stage.II) approval** accorded – Orders – issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY(FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 40

Dated: 09-09-2021
Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF, T.S., Hyderabad, Lr.No.547/2014/FCA-3, Dt.23.05.2015.
2. Govt. Lr.No.2462/For.I (1)/2015-1, dt.18.06.2015.
3. From GOI, MoEF & CC, Chennai, F.No.4-TSC009/2015-CHN/1031, dt. 12-08-2015.
4. From the PCCF, Hyd., Lr.Rc.No.547/2014/FCA-3, Dt.30.8.2019.
5. Govt.Letter. No.2462/For.I(1)/2015, Dated:22.06.2020.
6. From the Regional Officer, GoI, MoEF&CC, Hyderabad, F.No.4-TSC009/2015-CHN/105, Dt.02.07.2021.

O R D E R

In the letter 1st read above, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, T.S., Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of 9.685 ha of forest land Akanapet RF and Gangapur RF of Medak Division for construction of New Broad Gauge Railway Line between Akannapet-Medak Stations in favour of Chief Engineer, S.C. Rly, Secunderabad.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal in para-1 above was forwarded to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai for granting approval under section -2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, GoI, Chennai have conveyed Central Government's in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

4. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, T.S., Hyderabad in her letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai for according necessary approval.

5. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para-1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II) approval** for diversion of 9.685 ha of forest land Akanapet RF and Gangapur RF of Medak Division for construction of New Broad Gauge Railway Line between Akannapet-Medak Stations in favour of Chief Engineer, S.C. Rly, Secunderabad, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.

- ii. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency;
- iii. The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over an extent of 19.37 ha degraded forest land identified in Compt.no.139 of RF Shankapur in Medak Forest Division, from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- iv. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency;
- v. Two artificial water tanks constructed at Akkannapet RF and Gangapur RF shall be maintained properly to ensure to provide water to the wild animals and to prevent them from crossing across the railway track;
- vi. No station/halt should be commissioned in the forest area.
- vii. Pre-fabricated structures should be used to the maximum possible extent to reduce the extent of disturbance in the habitat;
- viii. The debris/earth excavated during the track laying work should be disposed and reused suitably so that the natural drainage of the area is not blocked. However materials to be used for construction of new tracks should be brought from outside the forest area;
- ix. Minimal disturbance should be ensured by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible;
- x. The felling of trees may be restricted to the extent only where it is necessary to remove;
- xi. Night time usage of the track may be disallowed. Work shall be taken up only during day time.
- xii. User Agency shall construct enough number of bridges for continuance of wild life corridors on either side of railway track at the project cost;
- xiii. The stabilization of slopes shall be provided by proper compaction of soil to avoid any slippages and shall allow natural vegetation on slopes as reported in the compliance report;
- xiv. In case of any steep slope arising out along the alignment, the slope should be reduced to facilitate movement of wild animals, especially heavy bodied and slow moving animals.
- xv. Appropriate soil conservation measures to be taken to reduce silt load in the run-of to avoid negative impact on the water bodies;
- xvi. Traffic on the proposed track should be controlled to minimize the chances to wildlife mortalities;

- xvii. Speed limit for the train shall be decided by the railway authorities only after consultation with the CWLW as per terrain and presence of wildlife, Moreover railway authorities will abide by any restrictions on speed imposed as per the orders of the Honourable Supreme Court of India;
- xviii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xix. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the railway line projects;
- xx. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and total forest area utilized for the project shall **not exceed 9.685 ha**;
- xxi. Any other condition that the Regional Officer(Central), Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area shall be complied by the User Agency;

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

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Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Integrated Regional Office, Aranya Bhavan,
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The Addl. Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt.of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN-500004 .

The Chief Engineer, South Central Railway, Secunderabad, Telangana.
SC/SF.

//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER